

Christmas Holly....

**YOU
ARE
INVITED**

To call and see our Candies for Christmas, they are the finest line ever in Alma. We also have a full line of

**Nuts, Oranges,
Bananas, Lemons,
Figs, Dates, Grapes.**

17 lbs. Granulated Sugar.....	\$1 00
10 lbs. Rolled Oats.....	25
Wyandotte Soda.....	03
Sodio.....	04
Arm & Hammer.....	05
7 pkgs. Jaxon Washing Powder.....	25
7 " Crystal Soda.....	25
7 " Roseine.....	25
4 cans Starch.....	25
15c. can Jersey Cream Baking Powder...	10
25c. I. C. Baking Powder.....	15

A good deal all around.

...AT...

WIN'S GROCERY.

Fresh taffy and popcorn balls at Bennett's.

Joe Ray was in Ithaca Monday on business.

W. D. Strong of Riverdale was in town Tuesday.

The daintiest chinaware in Alma at Hubbell's.

Dolls—150 of them half price at Sharrar & Mulholland's.

Don't buy a watch until you see J. P. Losey's large assortment.

Miss Marion Church of St. Louis visited Mrs. Seth Tubbs Wednesday.

Nathaniel Strayer of Elm Hall has been granted an increase in pension.

If you want a nice roast pig for Christmas call on Milliman & Hammer.

The Union Telephone Co. is spreading its lines from Ithaca to North Star.

James Kress and wife of Ithaca rejoice over the arrival of a boy at their house.

House brooms, formerly 25 cents, now 22c; 30 cents, now 25c; 35 cents, now 30c, at Hubbell's.

Great reduction sale at M. & J. Lamborn's until Jan. 1, 1901. All hats at rock bottom prices.

Dr. Browning is the new assistant physician at the sanitarium, Dr. Thompson having resigned.

Richardson's harness shop is the cheapest place in Alma to buy a good pair of wool blankets.

Milliman & Hammer have turkeys, chickens, ducks and geese for Christmas in an abundant quantity.

Geo. Latimer is having issued from this office a very handsome booklet advertising his poultry yards.

Blanch Woodward arrived home from Detroit Wednesday night and will remain until after the holidays.

S. L. Bennett is sole agent for Lowney's, Gunther's, Trowbridge's and Hildreth's fine candies in Alma.

If you want a big fat turkey or a chicken for that Christmas dinner leave your order at Banghart's market.

Willis Brown of Shepherd and School Commissioner Burdick of Mt. Pleasant called on the Record last Friday.

Our business men are enjoying an elegant trade this week, greatly feeling the effect of the distribution of beet money.

Deputy Revenue Collector Frank Wescott, an old time friend of the editor, made us a pleasant call Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Morden expect to leave Saturday for London, Can., where they will visit relatives during the holidays.

The churches are planning to observe New Year's eve, with a union watch night service. Full announcement later.

Hubbell has a large line of Xmas goods and toys, all new and clean, not the sweepings of any "mill end," but up-to-date.

Dr. Howe of Breckenridge was in Alma Monday morning on his way to Ashley where he has charge of the Peace stock of goods.

Miss Nellie Tubbs has a handsome display of hand-painted pictures in the show window of Stevens & Gargett's furniture rooms.

Misses Amy R. Freeman and Jennie Starkweather left on Wednesday for Detroit and Romeo where they will remain until after the holidays.

E. R. Griffith & Co. have the finest line of ducks, geese, turkeys and chickens for Christmas or New Year's day that can be found in Alma.

Clate Bowen, editor of the Times, at Mt. Pleasant comes out declaring his intention to hereafter publish a republican paper. Good for you Bowen.

The "mill end sale" at Hayt's Department Store will close Monday night at ten o'clock. The force of thirty clerks have been busy all the week.

A telegram was received here on Thursday to the effect that Mrs. Mary E. Abell died at the home of her daughter in Newark, N. J., that morning at five o'clock.

There will be a Christmas tree and exercises at the Baptist church next Monday evening, Dec. 24. A general invitation is extended to take your presents and attend.

J. O. Packard of Vogie Center has been secured by the First Church of Christ, Scientist, of Alma as first reader. Mr. Packard is a married man and will move his family here at once.

Judge of Probate-elect Seavers was in town Wednesday settling up the Hallock estate for which he is administrator. The new judge is now assisting Judge Chase in the office and learning the ropes.

Floyd Glass and Harry Normandin have built two ice boats and placed them upon the pond. This is the first time to our knowledge that any such craft has been seen on the ice here and it is a very novel sight. Both boats are very swift and sail very successfully.

"For Her Sake," at the opera house last Friday evening, was one of the best melodramas ever put on the stage in Alma. The members of the company were all actors of high class, and their costumes were elegant. The attendance was very poor and will queer Alma for first-class shows in the future.

Books of every description at Sharrar & Mulholland's.

All trimmed hats at 25 per cent off at M. & J. Lamborn's.

Miss Maud Rowland of Elm Hall was in Alma Thursday.

It pays to read Sharrar & Mulholland's ad, on page three.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Mobio of Riverdale were in Alma Wednesday.

Furnished rooms to rent. Enquire at this office or Mrs. C. O. Johnson.

Sharrar & Mulholland have the finest display of holiday goods in Alma.

Mrs. W. S. Wright arrived in Alma Tuesday night and is visiting friends.

See the fine values shown in trimmed hats from \$1.00 up at M. & J. Lamborn's.

S. L. Bennett has on exhibition the finest line of fancy pipes ever seen in Alma.

There will be a Christmas tree and exercises at the M. E. church Monday evening.

If you want good Galloway robes you can get them at Richardson's harness shop.

The finest of roasts, the juiciest of steaks can always be found of Banghart's market.

You can get trimmed hats at all prices for one-half off and a full line of all art goods at Mrs. E. A. Bivins.

Miss Ada Stone, formerly employed as stenographer at the sanitarium, is visiting friends here this week.

The members of the Presbyterian Sunday school will be given a Christmas treat in the opera house Saturday evening.

Henry Hance has purchased an eighty-acre farm in Sanilac county and expects to move his family there at once.

We have a few plush and heavy robes which we will offer at a very low price to close them out, at Chas. Morden's.

If you want clams, oysters or any other kind of soft shell fish for Christmas leave your orders with Milliman & Hammer.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Detroit Trust Co., Monday afternoon, A. W. Wright of this place was elected as a director.

Our merchants have some very beautiful holiday displays in their windows and they all seem to be attracting their share of the trade.

Leave your orders early for Christmas at E. R. Griffith & Co.'s meat market and you will be sure to get the choicest selections.

We must apologize to our readers for lack of news this week as the entire force has been working overtime in the job department on the extra rush of work.

A. W. Wright has purchased of Col. Elwell of St. Louis the northeast one-fourth, section 27, Pine River. This is the eighty-acre farm formerly known as the Sherwood farm.

Miss Ina Dorsey was taken quite seriously ill the first of the week with typhoid fever and taken to Brainerd's hospital. Her mother was telegraphed for at Coldwater on Wednesday.

F. E. Pollasky offers great bargains in dress goods, capes, jackets, furs, blankets, hosiery, underwear, carpets, matting, oil cloth, etc., during his 20th annual clearance sale from December 26 to January 15th.

S. L. Bennett is showing the trade some novelties in fancy box chocolates and bon bons for Christmas that are as fine as any you will see in our large cities and he invites you to call and look them over; prices right.

Two new sugar companies have been organized in Michigan and the plants will be built by the Kilby Manufacturing Co., the firm which constructed the plant here. The new plants will be located in Saginaw and Lansing.

A franchise for an independent telephone company in Detroit is before the council. If Detroit's wholesale and retail merchants knew the trade they have lost since the system was discontinued in that city they would be at work encouraging the enterprise.

C. W. Weeks & Co. have leased a portion of the building where A. K. McLuney's office is first door east of Clark's barber shop, for their marble and granite works. This will make a very good location for this firm, and we are pleased to make a note of it.

The annual convention of the state league of Republican Clubs of Michigan has been called for Wednesday, January 2, 1901, in Lansing, for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year, presentation of reports and for the transaction of such business as may properly come before the convention.

Byron Watson, the 200-pound center of the Alma college reserves, from Breckenridge, had an exciting experience Friday. A party of four were sailing an ice-boat on the river. Three of the boys had started for dinner and Watson undertook to sail across alone. A sudden gust made the boat unmanageable. It ran into thin ice, tipped over and the "bundled up" center went in head first through the broken ice. After several attempts he gained solid ice, and made for his room.

**L. H. HAYT'S
...Department Store...**

..OUR..

"Mill - End Sale"

**Is a Grand
Success**

Several times we have found it necessary to lock our doors to keep the crowd out, although we have had a force of 30 clerks all the time.

THIS GREAT SALE

will close Monday at 10:00 o'clock p. m.

Secure the bargains now

**L. H. Hayt's
Department Store,
CHURCH BLOCK, ALMA.**

OFFICES

TO RENT...

The offices in the new addition to the Opera House Block, are ready for occupancy. These offices have every convenience found in the up-to-date city office building. They are thoroughly heated by steam, lighted by electricity, and constant janitor service. Can be rented single or in suite.

BACHELOR APARTMENTS:
We have on the third floor some desirable rooms that would make very attractive apartments for gentlemen. They could be arranged and decorated to suit tenants. Would have steam heat and electric light.

All of the above are open to inspection. Full particulars at office of

J. H. Lancashire & Co.

TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS!

In looking over our subscription list we find several hundred dollars due us and as it is impossible to run a paper without money we are in hopes our friends will remember us and come in and help us out. One subscription is a small thing but when they are into the hundreds the aggregate is enormous.

HOME and VICINITY.

Saturday
Last day of the
Majestic Range exhibit
At Smith & Glass' store.
Merry Christmas.

The finest line of gold rings at J. P. Losey's.

WANTED—A boy to feed cylinder and job press.

Mrs. E. N. Chadwick is in Saginaw this week.

M. E. Heath of Ithaca was in Alma Wednesday.

Fine art medallions at Sharrar & Mulholland's.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Demuth, on Wednesday, a girl.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Burke, on Tuesday, an eleven pound girl.

Ducks and geese, turkeys and chickens galore at Banghart's market.

Mrs. M. J. Kitts left last Saturday for a three weeks' business trip to Akron, Ohio.

James Miller of Barry county is visiting his grand-daughter, Mrs. Amos Bodine.

If you want to get real bargains in reliable dry goods read F. E. Pollasky's clearance sale ad. in this issue.

Christmas tree for the Sunday school of St. John's church will be lighted at four o'clock on Monday afternoon.

Miss Leona Lloyd of Cleveland, who has been employed by Mrs. E. A. Bivins during the past season as trimmer, left on Wednesday for her home.

J. I. Lovell, age 79, passed away Tuesday night. Mr. Lovell was a highly respected citizen, loved and respected by all who knew him. He came to this county in 1855, served three years in the war. Deceased had been confined to his room more or less for a year and to his bed for seven weeks.

Mourning Goods.

A full line of the above goods for rent to ladies for funeral occasions.

Special Sale of Hats for the Holidays.

A new line of Hair Goods, Switches, etc.

Mrs. J. F. Lathrop.

MISS INA DORSEY,
TRIMMER.

AT BIVINS & RHODES

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Let us mention a few articles which make pleasing and suitable gifts.

Photo Albums, Celluloid or Plush, all prices, Bibles, from the cheapest to the very best, all leather cover.
Kodaks, from \$1.00 upwards.
Purses, all shapes, styles, lowest prices.

If you want any of the Latest Books at the Lowest Prices, come to us first, it will save you running elsewhere. Our large line of

...Genuine Ebony Goods...

with Sterling Mountings is worthy your inspection. The Satisfaction of our

PERFUMES

in the past needs no further recommendation. We have all the best lines.

...FOR LADIES AND CHILDREN..

We have more nice things than ever before, it is an easy matter to find something that will suit you and your friend

...FOR GENTLEMEN...

Smokers' Sets, Traveling Cases, Military Hair Brushes, Leather Cuff and Collar Boxes, and a thousand and one other things worth seeing. Medallions at any price. A 1, 2, 3, or 5 pound box of Lowney's Chocolates. The largest line of Books and Booklets and fancy Calendars. It is folly for us to attempt to enumerate the many things we have to show you. Remember it costs you nothing to look. Call and see us.

BIVINS & RHODES.

Up-to-Date Pharmacy.

UNION TELEPHONE
EXCHANGE.